One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the byway. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER of Mercer County.

MAYOR MILLER

And Mayor Kenney Steps Down and Out With Clean Administration to His Credit.

With the Beginning of the new year last Monday several changes occurred in the Monday several changes occurred in the municipal household of Celina. Mayor P. E. Kenney, who has served the past four lites seems to be illegal, hence his action. years with credit to himself and the city. turned over the reins of office to H.A. Miller, who was elected to the Mayoralty last fall by a magnificent vote. The confidence of the people in Mayor Miller, we believe, will not be misplaced, and that ination of teachers a few days since at Cohe will make a worthy successor to Mr. Kenney is not to be doubted.

piaced the office on a higher plane generalby than it has ever enjoyed, shid-if there are any who have doubted his judgment HOSTS. OF HOLIDA in any of the many public matters he has had to deal with, there are none who believe it came from other than the highest conception of public duty. He retires with the best wishes of the people of the community, who know the town enjoys a better moral atmosphere than when he became its chief magistrate.

ing James K. Carlin.

Marshalship, the veteran Weber being succeeded by Wm. Pumphrey; the Treasuryship, Perry Baker succeeding Geo, Kistler, The councilmanic line-up has also been slightly changed, Chas. W. Black and Dr. G. J. C. Wintermute taking the places of the retiring members, LeBlond and Beiers-

These officers have all served the people faithfully and well and deserve their

ANNUAL ELECTION OF

St. John's Lutheran Congregation, Ladies' Society and Sunday-School.

At the quarterly meeting held on New Year's day the following officers were elected by the members of St. John's Lutherat Church of this city:

Bider-George Hoenie.

Deacon-August Myrenius.

Trustee-Fred Moorman.
Secretary P. W. Deetsch.

Treasurer-John Hassman.

Treasurer of building fund-Pallip Linn. The L. A. Society elected the following |

President -Mrs. Nelson Hoenie. Vice President Mrs. Carl Schmidt. Socretary - Mrs. Quinto Ellerman. Tressurer - Mrs. P. W. Deltch.

The following Sunday-school officers wer

Superintendent - Rev. F. G. Reltz, ex-Assistant Superintendent - Urban Diener, Secretary Miss Anna Junod, Treasurer Romeo Deitsch. Following are the services for bext Sun-

day: Sunday-school at 8:45 a.r. | English services, 10 s.m.; English vesper services

Ray, Reitz also makes the following an nouncement for his Hopewell congregation; Sunday, the 7th-Sunday-school at 1 p.m.;

English services, 2 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in connection with the German service on by Rev. L. Loehr. Sunday, Jacuary H, at 2 p.m.

The Board of Education met last Monday evening and organized by selecting Dr. J. E. Hattery, President, Wm. Dick, Vice President; O. Raudabaugh, Clerk; Frank Ayers, Treasur-The new members on the Board are Wm. C. Diek, E. M. Dull and De Frank Ayers, who take the places of rettring members F. V. Short, C. H. Howick and E. E. Stephenson.

The ladies' aid society of the M. E. Church will meet this afternoon with Mesdames F. J. Pierstorff and Asa Meister, at the church parlors.



Under the gigantic dummy ham leans back in his chair, with his ach, and-dozes. The young reporter ing for a car which is to bear him down to his daily tasks, for the hundredth time tells himself gloomily that the world is composed entirely of

the bourgeoisle, and that Karl Engel

burcher shop, is bourgeois to the nth

sidowalk, and Karl, bestirring him there. But always Karl would sigh tion; the harmless, necessary red joy of attainment. Would but the self to bicker with the driver concern- gloomily, and defer the day of depart- handkerchief and the smoked goggles Fates be kind! ing the choice of ments, presently ure until his bank account abould have with which to combat the desert sun. staggers back into the shop under an reached the definite and delectable With them, too, were placed the kindly, devious road that avoided alike day wind in the motionless sails whis-

LAD DEAD AS RESULT OF BLOOD POISON

Herman Reier, the eleven-year-old son of Casper Rejer, of Cranberry Prairie, died Wednesday after intense suffering from slood poison, resulting from a diseased toe. The funeral of the lad takes places this morning from the Catholic Church

TENDERS RESIGNATION AS JUSTICE

Squire John F. Hight, of Hopewell town ship, has resigned the office of Justice of the Peace, and Will Seibert has been se

CAPTURES A MUCH-SOUHGT PRIZE

G. F. Stoner, of Liberty township, was granted a life certificate at a State exam-Kenney is not to be doubted.

Mr. Kenney has during his incumbency teel that it is rightly deserved.

Fennig-Stein

A most notable event was that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stein, in Clerk J. M. Winter, who has served the Liberty Township, when at high noon, o vilings several terms in that capacity, was the list uit. their daughter Frieda was also suppliented in office. his successor be- united in marriage to Albert Fennig, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fennig, Rev. L. Lochr, o The other official changes were in the Chattaneoga, performing the ceremony, The attendants were Carl Stein, brother of the bride, and Clara Fennig, sister of

of the bride, and Chara Fenna, saceron the groom. The bride was attired in a king blue broadcloth, with nat to match, and the groom looked his best in the conventional black. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The young couple received many useful presents. They will be at home in the near future to their many friends on a farm in Liberty township.

McQueen-Hole

Quinton C. McQueen, of Washington waship, and Mlss Edna Hole, of Frank hip township, were united in marriage by lev. Bennett, of the M. E. Church of this ity, at the church parsonage, last Monday noon. The young couple were attended by Walter Carmack and Miss Grace Bailinger. The groom is a sou of Mrs. and Mrs. John The groom is a south first and Mrs. John McQueen, of near Coldwater, while the bride is a daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Irvin Hole, and are well known and very popular young people. After the wedding the bridging party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding feast was enjoyed. The young couple will reside on the old McQueen farm in Washington township.

George C. Schandt, of Rockford, and Mis-Anna Hunziker, of Cardington, Ohio, were mited in marriage in the latter town or Sunday, December 24, according to news received here. The marriage caremony was performed by Rev. M. F. Laucer.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples the past week: Rosco E, Colvin, aged S. Van Wert County, farmer, son of John A. Colvin, and Dora Kochuck, aged B. Union Township, house-keeper, daughter of J. W. Koebuck. Married by Rev. Banders.

Chas. D. Sinsser, aged 23. Liberty town htp. carpenter, son of Jacob Sinsser, and real, Grube, aged 19. Montenima, house seper, daughter of Wm. Grube.

Richard May, aged 29, Celina, laborer, sor f John May, and Amy Norris, aged 27, Celina, housekeeper, daughter of John Nor-is. Married by Squire F. V. Short. Joseph J. Bunge, aged 29. Honewell towa ship, laborer, son of Wm. Bunge, and Idel ita E. Garrison, aged 25, Jefferson township bonsekeeper, daughter of B. C. Garrison Married by Rev. Caig.

Clyde L. Rutledge, nged 23. Dublin township, farmer, son of Harry Rutledge, acceded M. Pond, nged 18. Dublin township housekeeper, daughter of John Pond. Married by Rev. Thomas Coate.

Albert M. Fennig, aged M. Liberty town ship, farmer, san of S. B. Fennig, and Frie da A. Stein, aged 22. some township, house keeper, daughter of Geo. V. Stein. Married

Henry Burket, aged 21, Celina, pollaher, on of Daciel Burket, and Goldte M. Your-rer, aged 18, Celina, clerk, daughter of Jacob founger. Married by Rev. McMakin. Quinton C. McQueen, ared 24. Washing ton township,farmer, son of John McQueen and Elma M. Hole, aged 20. Franklin town-ship, housekeeper, daughter of Irvin Hole Married by Rev. Chas. Bennett. Frank Shields, aged 49, Cellina laborer, son of John Shields, and Margaret Ellen Sines, aged 35, Cellina, housekeeper, daugh-ter of Thomas Hindershot, Married by Rev. Gonbeau.

Harry Hunter, aged 21. Ft. Recovery, is sorer, son of A. H. Hunter, and Magic Koip aged 29, same place, telephone operator daughter of A. A. Kolp. Married by Rev Chas. Bennett.

Carks cured by Hanford's Balsam

mighty heave, he lifts it so that it shall catch the hook, and as it swings into place on the rack, he brings it to a standatill with a resounding slap that is really a careas, and murmurs to himself: "Ach, he was a fine fellow now. He came from out there." For though Karl's body was cabhed within the narrow precincts of a fared far abroad into the celestial spaces of the western wilds- into that fair, free, fabulous land of Bret Harte mad Mexicans. Out there the good, 'lasso" laid them low; out there the and hire a new assistant. insidious Indian added arrows to one's person and rare zest to every enterwhich hangs before the door of the and fire-a man's world. Ach, him- bequeathed the bank account to his market, Karl Engel's fat spaniel sleeps | mel, some day he would go, even he, | brother's little girl and the shop to the the deep sleep of poontide and of re- Karl Engel, of Market street, would faithful Paul Ludwig. Next, the packing pletion. Within, Karl Engel himself go out there, away from beeves which of the ancient leather trunk—are opwere but stiff and bloodless simulapudgy hands clasped over his fat stom- era, away from men who were but hearsed and ageretly prepared for. pale, soulless shadows, away fromwho stands on the street corner wait- yes, one must be prepared to make some sacrifices-away from the big, which he had bought nine years bebrown glass at Kohlberg's on the

came days when occasion permitting, slashed Mexican trousers of black vel-

Toledo Hospital.

John Kenefake, aged 78 years, who was taken from this city to the State Hospital in whose honor it was given, was held in for the Insane at Teledo several months High School auditorium and participates ago, died last Monday morning as, the re- in by the following: Rev. H. N. Mobst and

had wandered from his ward to that of lombus. His Mercer County friends will Emanuel Grundisch, an Auglaize County patient, while the attendants were talking to vistors. Grundisch, who later admitted co gouging out the aged man's eyes, imagined Kenefake was the devil.

Mr. Kenefake is survived by five sons and two daughters, the latter being Mrs. T. E Totten, of this city, and Mrs.J. J. McLaughin, of St. Marys. The remains of the unfortunate man

noon and taken to the home of his daughter, with whom he formerly fived. Yesterlay morning the body was taken to Gienwood, where funeral services were held rom the Catholic Church.

AGAINST FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION

But Favor Parcels Post, Popular Election U. S. Senators and Other Reforms.

Secretary Irvin Hole, of the Montezum Farmers's Institute, who was at the hub fuesday attending a meeting of the Merer County Agricultural Society, of which be is a member of the Board of Directors, off the resolutions for publication formuated and passed at the session of the instiute there last week, Messrs, D. S. Monroe. A. T. Kerns and W. O. Monroe being the embers of that committee.

Mr. Hole reports the meeting a very sucessful one and the speakers very enterdaing and instructive. The resolutions referred to follow:

We, your committee on resolutions, beg eave to submit the following report: Be it resolved. First That the Institute is dear their appreciation to our officers for the interest shown in promoting the cause of the favoures' institute of Montezuma, Ohio; also all others who helped to nake the institute a success.

Second—That we tender a vote of thanks to our state speakers. Haldwin, Spencer, F. N. Farin and Mrs. Regrett—for their able and instructive discussions on the various subjects.

Third—That we tender a vote of thanks to the members of the State Department of agriculture for the Interest manifested in ending us state speakers, and kindly request that the same be recented next year. Fourth—That we favor the extension of a arcels post system as soon as practicable. Fifth—That we sak for government add in the improvement of our public roads, Sixth The enactment of a State pure ced law.

ood law. Seventh—That the quait and dove be pro-ected along with the song birds. Eighth—The direct election of U. S. Sena-Ninth-That we oppose the distribution of seeds by the members of Congress.

TO HOLD INDEPENDENT

INSTITUTE

The Granville and Marion township grienitural association are ranking rrangements to hold an independent 'armers' institute at St. Henry during he latter part of this month. A corn how will likely be held in connection with the institute.

The Mrs. C. D. Sheets' business om at Chattanooga, occupied by the Perry Gibbons saloon, was damaged y fire a week ago last night. Luckthe blaze, which started from a lefective flue, was discovered before thad gained much headway. The oss is covered by insurance.

springtime and the Wanderlust would wear away together.

Yet, at last, on a rare, balmy day in of that far-away uncle which sets so many ambitions at liberty to vault, had placed to Karl's credit a multitude of marks, which, when translated into the good round dollars of metropolitan meat market, his soul the republic, brought the bank account well above the determined sum. Karl was now his own man; and Karl, after pacing up and down in the sawdust and large pistols, of Mayne Reid and for a stormy hour, thumped down his savage beasts, of Harry Castleman and fist upon the cleaver-block and spoke with the stern voice of mighty resolve. brave heef cattle roamed up and down, He would go; to-morrow he would go, pawing the earth, until the circling and Paul Ludwig must run the shop

Sleepless hours of preparation ensued. First the making of his will, sise; and there was gold and blood in which, as a childless widower, he eration that for years he had re-Side by side in its capacious depths were tucked the Mackinac blanket-suit fore, on hearing its cold-resisting virtues praised by a reformed lumber-With each recurring spring there jack in Kohlberg's back room; the in particular, dozing there in the Karl would shuffle uneasily up and veteen which six years before he had down the sawdusted floor of the shop, seen worn at the masked ball of the instead of dozing in his chair. Al- County Democracy, and had astutely Whistling aggressively, Kael's as ways then Paul Ludwig, the assistant, traced back to the costumers whence

RETIRING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TENDERED BANQUET

A banquet was tendered last Monday evening to two members of the Board of Education and the Clerk and Treasurer of Washington township, who retired from office on that date. The retiring members Expenses of \$50 per Month Cut of the school board were J. D. Konrath and John Kenefake Has Eyes Gouged
Out by Insane Inmate at
Toledo Hospital.

A. J. Burkett; their successors, John Granzer and Orville Asberait. Clerk George
Schroyer is succeeded by G. C. Thatcher and Treasurer Theodore Schurman by

Emory Loudenback.
The hanguet, which was a pleasant social affair and an eloquent fribute to the men ago, died last Monday morning as, the result of mental shock, following the godged J. D. Konraih and family, John Granger out of both his eyes by another inmate of the institution last Friday afternoon.

Information in regard to the terrible tragedy is to the effect that the aged man had wandered from his ward to that of Younger.

In by the following: Rev. H. N. Brobst and family, Mrs. C. H. Mayor, Wayne Kanorr, and family, John Granger and family, John Granger and family, H. E. Waiter and family, Emory Loudenback and wife, G. C. Tantcher and brother, of Marion, Ind.; Geo. Schroyer and wife. Millon Schroyer, Rolla Rausbottem, Wm. Schroeder and family, Mrs. C. Bobsumoyer, H. J. Brobsumoyer and wife and Supt. W. S. Younger.

founger.
The banquet table was laden with all the good things. Rev. Brobst acted as

At a meeting last Friday of the Join Board of Commissioners of Van Wert and Mercer Counties, they ordered the engiwere brought back to this city inst Tuesday | near to advertise and soil the Frysinger joint ditch. The sale was set for January 20, 1912, at 10 o'clock, at the Commissioners office in this city.

H. L. Hight last Friday tendered his resignation as Coroner of the county, and the same was accepted. The board thereipon appointed Dr. Frank E. Ayers as Coroner to fill the vacancy.

The following bills were allowed last Fri

ay and are now payable:

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Celina Democrat, publishing ditch notice and report of examiners of Commissioners report.

H. B. Hughes, bridge approach. Brookhart & Murlin, insurance.

Olino Law Reporter Co., digest.

O. Raudataugh, J. P. fees State vs. Wm. Hole

O. W. Harper, stationery.

Johnson-Watson Co., same.

E. B. Yioglios, plumbing.

Brookylle Bridge Co., pay in full for Unienhake bridge.

Same, part pay on Fisher bridge.

Same, part pay on Fisher bridge.

Gilberg & Co., publishing report of examiners of Commissioners report and balance due ou rates taxation.

G. W. Recker, filling abutments.

M. Lutz, engineer fees.

J. L. Lewis, bridge lumber.

Daniel Myers, viewer on Pfister road Joan Now, same.

Peter Linn, same.

Mocrison & Evans, pay in full on Becker piles.

F. A. Suyder, publishing report examiners County Treasury.

Frank Dillbeff, ditch fees.

Indianapolis Blue Print Co., supplies.

Onto Witten, engineer fees.

Philip Linn, isnitor.

Elmer Brandon, supplies.

H. L. Hight, salary as humane agent. Remakins & Backman, livoleum.

F. A. Franks, J. P. fees State vs. Millenbaugh.

ABBREVIATED NEWSLETS

The ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. A. W. Fishbaugh, East thickness sufficient for summer use.

Thermometers registered from 8 to 10 below last night. Icemen smile-and coal men ditto. Extremes meetike dogs biting their tails.

The Jefferson township Board of Sealth met last Friday and appointed Dr. Frank Ayers as Health Officer and J. H. Mayer as sanitary police. All members of the Cellna lodge.

Daughters of Rebekah, are requested to be present at the annual installation of officers, which will be held at the lodge hall next Tuesday evening. The Jefferson township trustees met

at the clerk's office in the city building last Monday and organized by electing J. F. Smith as chairman. The other members of the Board are H. A. Jewett, James Staeger and Roy Lincoln. The amdavits against Charles Leh

nan and Fred Nichols, of this city, by Deputy Game Warden Nohr, charging hem with trapping for muskrat, were dismissed by Squire Short last Priday on motion by defendant's counsel, that the affidavits were incomplete and insufficient.

losis, left Wednesday for Phoenix, President, S. A. Bowman; Vice Presi Ariz., where he will spend some time health. His brother Joseph will ac- man; Directors-Henry Lennartz, J. nonths' stay.

long ago, while over at the "yards March, there came news that the death he had looked with covetous eyes for school picnic was rioting in inmonths, as it lay in the dusty pawn finite ice cream. Out over rocky chase; and last-but, oh, not leastfore-end handle, with which Karl, at battle; the lowing of distant cattle verein, given a solid rest and six min- deadly stampede; gold glistened in

loket. And this at first was a diffi- uncovered treasure, and he fingered culty, for neither Don Carlos' rancho, his "lasso" with longing and-doubt. nor "a lonely log cabin gilded by the rays of the declining sun," nor-alas-Dead Man's gulch, are to be found Mexicans, who thought thereby to upon the folders of any railroad. Yet commemorate some soon-forgotten here Karl showed himself to be a man scalp-lifting, then caught Karl's eye. of resource and worthy of great enter. Instantly he dismounted, and after a prise. He bought a ticket clear to pious prayer for the repose of these the coast, and set out with the grave unshriven souls, spent a rapturous determination to choose his place of hour in fingering the time-worn indebarkation from the car window, scription and speculating upon the tu-Thus it happened that on a windy multuous day it recorded. To him day in March Don Quixote of the Mar- that bit of rock pictured whole troops ket, squireless and clad incredibly, of swarthy villains in velvet, a darkrode out of the picturesque little New eyed maiden radiant with all allure Mexican town of Medilla upon a rocking old Rosinante for which he had plunging steed bore a double burden paid four prices, hearing across his from out the smoke of battle. saddle bow the long brassmounted rifle of the Schutzenverein. Upon his crest of a rock-strewn ridge, it slatant comes in from his belated who was ambitious to possess a shop they came; the low-hesled farmer's brow was the black frown of dire disluncheon and resumes his apron. The of his own, would inquire quite perti- boots which he had observed in the comfort and of high purpose, but in mill, solitary, gigantic, mysterious. wholesaler's wagon backs up to the nently why, then, he did not go out window of a shop near the Union sta-

imposing quarter of beef. With a sum of \$2,500; and gradually the "lasso" which on a glad, golden day the baseball park just outside of town,

BOARD OF AFFAIRS

Off in Light Department-Board Reorganizes.

Marsman was chosen secretary.

The Board then proceeded to hire emrate of the board. C. W. Howard, chief engineer, at a salary

H. H. Vankirk, superintendent of con-truction, at a salary of \$70,00 per month. George A. Petrie, clerk, at a salary of \$75 or month.

Perry Miller, the new member of the ard, succeeds Grocer Val Fortman, who as faithfully and intelligently served the copie of the city. The other members

AGED MAN FOUND DEAD ON PUBLIC ROAD

Benjamin Borger, aged 70 years, well known citizen of the south part of the county, a resident of Maria Stein was found dead near the Auglaize County line early last Sunday more ng, where it is presumed he fell from his buggy, after sustaining a stroke of

Mr. Borger drove to Minster Saturday afternoon. Late in the evening, while the family were awaiting his return, the horse came home with the ouggy empty. The family at once elephoned to Minster, only to find that he had left that village in the early evening. Search was at once in-stituted and the prostrate form found alongside the road, near the county line. The coroner of Auglaize County vas catted and pronounced death due paralysis.

Deceased is survived by his wife, hree sons and two daughters, all resilents of the county. One daughter, Mrs. A. J. Brunswick, lives on West Logan street, this city. Funeral services were held at Maria Stein Wednesday morning.

MEN PUT TO WORK CUT-TING ICE YESTERDAY

Mike Hemmert yesterday put a ng the first ice of this winter from Lake Mercer. The ice was but five nches thick yesterday, but of an excellent quality. The present cutting is not thick enough for commercial use and is being placed in the cold storage ouses for immediate use. A couple of zero weather nights, such as last night, however, would increase the

MEETING OF CORN GROW-ERS SET FOR 10th.

President Robert A. Riley, of the Mercer County Corn Improvement Association, has called a meeting of the association and all others interested in corn growing, for next Wednesday, the 10th, at the Mayor's office, in this ity. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. and every farmer in the county is arged to be present.

AMONG OUR OLD FRIENDS

Theobold Leininger and Fred Stuckey, of tockford: G. F. Sielschot, of Houte S; J. M. Allen of Mendon: Mack McDonald, Celina Albert Muthert, H. M. Brock and Robert an church with Rev. Chas. Bennett in Ports, of Ft. Recovery; S. O. Granger, John Siegrist and Jacob Weigle, of Coldwater; Henry Lemke, of Route 8, and Jeff Mosler, of Willshire, were among our old friends to rive us the glad hand this week and prompt renewals. Thanks, and then some

The Citizens' Banking Co., selected Lewis Zumwaide, who has been in the following officers for the ensuing failing health as the result of tubercu- year, at a meeting last Monday. dent, W. T. Palmer; Cashier, Henry with the hopes of benefitting his Lennariz; Asst, Chashler, R. H. Chapcompany him and remain for a three D. Johnson, S. J. Vining, S. A. Bowman and W. T. Palmer.

to pay his bills, Karl had seen fall the farmhouses along the river, and from the saddle of one of the yard the near-by grove, where at that very herders; the big pistol upon which moment an unmistakable Sundayshop window, until he had seen an- sun-scorched hills, and through dusty, other customer considering it and had barren valleys, the road led him, and been frightened into immediate pur- Fancy peopled their desolate solitudes with all the puppets of our latterthe long, brass-mounted target rifle, day romance. The up-tossed dust with its exaggerated butt-plate and of the road was redolent of blood and the monthly meeting of the Schutzen- was clamorous of midnight raid and utes in which to aim, would pot the each crystalline pebble. And when a bull's-eye with a precision altogether string of steers passed over the brow of a neighboring hill, the heart of Remained but to purchase the Karl Engel was uplifted as at sight of

A rondside cross, carved on a boulder 50 years before, by devout ments, and a heroic cavalier whose

The road beckoned. Just over the to pump water, were far abroad in the hills; no human habitation was in A road was their instruments - a sight; the murmur of the faint noon

[Continued next week.]

Eighty acre farm, well improved, on pike wo miles from Celina; pike paid for; will eli at a bargain, P. E. KENNEY, Celina.

BAD CHARGE AGAINST BERNE MAN

Harl Smith, a Berne (Ind.) man, was an sted and brought here yesterday by Marshat Pumphrey on an affidavit charging him with grand larceny. He was taken before 'Squire Rice, when he waived examina The Board of Public Affairs mot in spectal session last Tuesday evening, with members Mersman, Brumm and Miller present.

Dr. Brumm was chosen president on motion of Mersman, and on motion of Miller,

Marsman, was abound over to court in the sim of function of the same and th

Cows for Sale.

One a Durham and the other a Holsteinployes for the ensuing year, the following both giving milk. Call and see them. Mrs. ppointments being made by a unanimous Mary E. Rodgers, a miles west of Celina on Mud road and a half mile north

Frank B. Birkmeyer Honored at Annual Meeting of Banner Directory Wednesday.

The Mercer County Agricultural Society set at the Mayor's office Wednesday morning and selected the following officers to nanage the affairs of the Banner Fair of 1912: President, Sol Spock: Vice President W. A. Hamilton; Secretary, S. J. Vining;

Treasurer, Henry Beckman. Frank B. Bl-kmeyer, of Coldwater, was eboses to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of his father, the late John Birkmeyer. The elder Birkmeyer was a very enthusiastic fair man and for many years a helpful member of the society, and the son is considered a "chip off the old block," to use a common expression. During the afternoon the Board made me revisions of the premium list.

Nora Maxine, the little two year old daughter of Teamster and Mrs. Bert 1912. Jewell, LeBlond street, died last Tuesday evening of tubercular meningitis, following an illness of several months. Funeral services will be held at Swamp college this afternoon.

Harry Williams, a former resident fthis city, and well known to base ball fandom, being an outfielder of the elina club a number of years ago, died last Friday in a hospital at Newark, following an operation for appendicitis. He leaves a wife and family.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fifer, widow of the late Granville Fifer, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. David Crouch, in the East End, last Friday afternoon. ased was a native of Pennsylvana, and was 75 years old at the time of her death. She had been in failing ing health for sometime past due to Bright's disease. Funeral services were held at Swamp College last Sunday afternoon.

John W. Hasson, Aged 44

The remains of the late John W. Hason, of Columbus, were transferred Monday in the Alspach's ambulance from the Obio Central station to the traction line, for shipment to Celina The accompanying party included Mrs. John W. Hasson and her sister. Mrs. Humbert. The corpse was taken to the home of the deceased's father-inlaw, Frank Shroyer, on Livingston street, Celins. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the State Line Luther

harge. Mr. Hasson died Saturday, at the age of 44 years. Death resulted from tuberculosis. He formerly lived near the State line, then in Lima and finally in Columbus. - St. Marys Leader.

BARGAIN OFFER

Ohio State Journal Will Again Offer Twelve Month's Mail Subscription for Only \$2.00

During the month of January rural nail patrons, and those residing in towns where Journal is without at gency, will have an opportunity to secure one year's aubscription to The Ohio State Journal (State Edition), at the reduced price of two dollars.

The State Edition of the Ohio State ournal is issued daily, except Sunday and is one of the greatest and best newspapers published. Farmers will be especially interested in this offer, as the State Edition is made up in manner calculated to interest and please the country people. In fact it a special edition for their benefit. The important telegraph and Colum-

us news appears in this edition, as does the market page which is the best published. A big majority of the farmers are already readers of The state Journal, which is evidence that t is a favorite among therural class. In keeping with a great newspaper The Ohio State Journal is publishing the political news regardless of party ies, and its readers are therefore kep ested on what is actually happening n the political field.

The Ohio State Journal is the only norming newspaper published in Columbus or Central Ohio and has the great advantage of reaching rural pronounced, gentle and pleasant in action, and particularly agreeable in Every page is interesting, the editoral page being the ableat published in diarrhoes, nauses, flatulence, griping, this section of the country. The special offer of two dollars for

pire on the last day of January, after State Journal without delay. If you want a great daily Associated | ter Drug Co. Press Newspaper at a reduced rate.

oughly Ranford's Balsam of Myrrh. PUTHOFF & HARRY KARR,

Reports Successful Financial Year and Preparations Being Made for New Church

A beautiful program of edifying songs and recitations was rendered Christmas eve at Zion's Lutheran Church before a crowded house by 65 children and 20 adults. The children were remembered as usual by a treat and with Christmas books. The pastor was also nicely remembered during the holiday season by individual mem-bers and by the congregation. H was a busy time for him, as he preached 16 sermons from Nov. 36 to January 1 and took an active part in much other work, including the performance of a marriage ceremony Dec. 31, at the home of George Stein, in which Miss Frieda A. Stein was united with Albert M. Fennig.

At the annual congregational meet-ing many important matters were transacted. At the earnest request of the three trustees, Messers Peter Strabel, Henry Gauberger and Wm. Kessier, they were permitted to retire from their office, which they had filled so efficiently, and in their stead Messers Jacob Betzel, Christian Eichler and Theodore Baker were elected.

It was resolved that hereafter, instead of having German services every Sunday morning there would be English services every four weeks in the morning. This resolution goes into flect Sunday Jan. 7, when the first English service will be held, then Feb. 4 will be the next and March 3 the next. The English evening services will continue as before, every two weeks. The next evening service will be January 14. Half of the classes in Sunday-school are German and balf English. The opening services alter-oate between the two languages.

The congregation being now about 50 years old and its house of worship no longer meeting its requirements, he matter of building a new church was discussed. A committee consist-ng of Dr. Chas. Watkins, and Messers F. Becher and George Berron, was bosen to draw up plans for a new edi-ce, to be presented to the congregaion at its first quarterly meeting in

The congregation has had a finandally prosperous year. Besides raisng more money for improvements on its property than for 7 years and payng at the rate of \$200 per year more calary to its present pastor than was ver paid before, there were collected or benevolence \$438.84, which was \$118.34 more than was collected in any previous year. Along various lines mprovement may be seen. There is o-operation between the members with each other and with their new astor, who took charge in May, and here is no doubt that Zion's is one of he hopeful congregations of the ommunity.

SHOWS HIS ABILITY TO LICK HIS WIFE

Henry Stueve, a blacksmith of Coldvater, was arrested in that village by onstable Schwariz, of Butler township, last Friday, upon an affidavit filed by his wife, charging him with assault with intent to kill. When araigned before Squire Franks at Coldvater, he waived examination and was ound over to court in the sum of \$500. Unable to furnish bond he was brought to this city and turned over to

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